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House Bill No. 6419
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 29, 2011

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY
DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT
GENERAL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Military Department shall be comprised of (1) the armed forces
4 of the state, as defined in section 27-2, which shall be under the
5 military command and control of the Adjutant General, and (2) any
6 civilian employee appointed by the Adjutant General pursuant to
7 section 27-31. The Military Department shall be under the charge of the
8 Adjutant General. On or before July 1, 1980, the Governor shall
9 appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of major general to serve
10 for a term of two years from July 1, 1980. Quadrennially thereafter, the
11 Governor shall appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of
12 lieutenant general to serve for a term of four years, from such first day
13 of July and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Adjutant
14 General shall have had at least [ten] fifteen years' commissioned

15 service in the armed forces of the United States and shall have
16 obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel or higher in the Army, Marine
17 Corps or Air Force, or the rank of commander or higher in the Navy or
18 Coast Guard. No person shall be appointed or continue to serve as
19 Adjutant General after reaching the age of sixty-four years. The
20 Adjutant General may be suspended or removed by the Governor in
21 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-11, 4-12 and 4-13.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-19
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which modifies the qualifications and authority of the Adjutant General, results in no fiscal impact.

House "A" clarifies the required rank that the Adjutant General should have obtained. There is no associated fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6419 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from 10 to 15 years, the minimum number of commissioned service years a person must have in the U.S. armed forces to be appointed adjutant general. It requires the person to have reached at least the rank of (1) lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, or Air Force or (2) commander in the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard.

The bill specifies that the (1) Military Department is comprised of the state's armed forces and any civilian employees the adjutant general appoints and (2) state's armed forces are under the military command and control of the adjutant general. By law, the Military Department is under the adjutant general's charge. The governor is commander-in-chief of the state's armed forces when they are not in U.S. service and he appoints the adjutant general.

The bill also makes a technical change.

*House Amendment "A" specifies that the Navy or Coast Guard rank equivalent to lieutenant colonel is commander.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Armed Forces of the State***

By law, the state's armed forces are the (1) National Guard, (2)

organized militia (i.e., the governor's guards, the State Guard, and the other military forces the governor as commander-in-chief may designate), and (3) naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)